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A Request.

God of pity, hear the pleadings
Of a troubled heart within;
Cleanse, oh, cleanse me in the fountain
That saves me from a life of sin.

EDNA MILLS, IN D.

Feb. 5.—DEAR EVANGELIST From Tiosa, I went to Flora, Carroll Co., Ind. Otherwise known as Fountain City, on account the of number of its flowing wells. Commenced meeting in the Baptist church on the evening of the 16th of January. Continued here until the 22nd. The Baptists then commenced a meeting and we had to move to the Lutheran church, where we continued till the 3rd of Feb. Our congregation, which was very good from the beginning, followed us from the Baptist to the Lutheran church. A part of the time the house was *literally packed*. The aisles being filled with people standing. Notwithstanding the crowded condition of the house, we had the very best of order.

Flora is a new point for our work. We only had three members living there when I commenced. There had been five, but there being no organized church, and only an occasional sermon preached by the Brethren these few members became somewhat discouraged, and during the recent series of meetings held in the vicinity by Isaac Rosenberger, of the German Baptist church, two of them were persuaded to join in with them; but they soon became tired of traditions, and came back and went into our organization at Flora.

Although we had much to encourage us, we had many disadvantages to labor against in introducing our doctrine at Flora. There are about 12 different denominations represented at this place, each of course exerts an influence in favor of its own. When we commenced we had no organization, and even after the people became convinced of the truth of the doctrine of Christ, and felt their need of a Saviour, they hesitated to step out, on account of there being no church of the Brethren here. But at last we got them to understand the only way to get one at Flora, was to come out and we would organize one. So they commenced coming, and before we left we organized with 16 names. Some of the last that came out are not yet baptized, but as the little "church of the Brethren at Flora," chose that I should take the oversight, and do what I could in supplying them with preaching until they could obtain a pastor. I shall occasionally visit them in the future, baptize those candidates and I hope many others that are almost persuaded. Among those that united with us at these meetings were one from the Disciple church, one from the Methodist, two from the United Brethren, two from the German Baptist and the rest from the world. There is no doubt but our cause will succeed at Flora.

This is a strong-hold of the Old Order and German Baptists. An organization of the Brethren here is an *absolute necessity*, that the priest-ridden and tradition-oppressed believers from those churches may have an home of peace to which they can flee in time of need. The best citizens of the town who are not members of any church are favorably impressed with the Brethren's doctrine, and we entertain hopes that many of them will unite with us, which would give us prestige and insure us success.

I was very kindly treated by some of the other denominations in town, especially the Disciples and Methodists. And became very much attached to these good Christian people. They, as well as the outsiders, contributed to my support, for which I hope the Lord may bless them all. The *Ladies' Aid Society*, composed, I believe, of the sisters in the Disciple church, made me a special donation, for which I hereby heartily thank them. These people are Christian in character, and any church may well be proud of them, and if it were not for the loss the Disciples would sustain by it, we would greatly rejoice to have a number of them come and unite with us. We would rather like it anyway for them to come. May God abundantly bless them.

Bro. Martin Shively, a young minister who will shortly start to Ashland College, was present during these meetings and rendered valuable aid, especially in song service. I am now stopping at our esteemed Bro. J. B. Metzger's and preaching at Edna Mills. Will report again when through here.

J. A. RIDENOUR.

CHRISTOPHER, KANSAS.

Feb. 2nd.—On the evening Jan. 16th, our Bro., Elder Jacob W. Beer, of Nickersen, Kan., came to our rescue. He began his meeting on the 16th, and continued through the first week with the addition of three by baptism; and one brother was re-received by relation from the G. B. church, and one sister reclaimed.

Continued through the second week with addition of seven by babtism, making the whole number of additions twelve, being confirmed with the little flock of three that was stationed here. On the 23rd and 24th the G. B. ministers had an appointment here, and in their absence, Bro. Beer was called to fill their place, preaching to a very large audience, and the effect being good, he wishes to return his sincere thanks and gratitude to all those that took an interest in the promotion of the cause of Christ, and more especially to one or two Methodist brethren that took hold and worked in copartnership, and unison; aslo, one sister that took an active part in the singing which he regarded a very great help.

Bro. Beer, being somewhat under obligations to leave, closed his series of meetings on the 31st, of Jan. If he could have stayed with us longer, he no doubt, would have had several more to baptize. We are in a condition yet that we need help, 24 miles from Nickerson our nearest organization.

We would be glad to have some good brethren workers to come and settle in our midst. We have a good country and an opening for some Bro. minister, and would be glad to show any or all such, over our locality, if this should fall into the hands of any brethren wanting a location in the West. We would be glad to correspond with them. We wish the prayers of all God's people that our little flock may prosper, and that their light may shine out into the world. The above was written in Bro. Mercer's house. Our Post Office is Christopher, Reno Co., Kansas.

IRA W. BAKER.

NICKERSON, KANSAS.

Feb. 2.—I have just returned from holding a series of meetings near Christopher, Reno Co., we began our labors, Saturday eve. Jan. 16th, and closed Jan. 31st. Preached twice each Lord's day and once each night during the week. Although the weather was very cold, with frequent snow storms, which in many places blockaded the roads, our audiences were good, filling the school house sometimes to its utmost capacity. Though feeling very weak, trusting in our Great Commander, we began to attack the enemy, and with the help of God, sinners began to tremble and seek safety in the fold of God, until ten precious souls were buried with Christ by baptism into death, and arose, we trust, to walk in newness of life. We also received one dear brother into our fellowship by relation from the German Baptist brethren. Four more have said they would receive baptism in the near future, while still others are almost persuaded.

May God by his spirit guide them into a full trust and submission. We organized a prayer meeting to meet on Thursday night of each week; also arranged to meet the first Sunday in Feb. to organize a Sunday school. We feel grateful to this people for their kindness while among them, and especially so to those who rendered such efficient help, both by prayer and song, who were not of our fellowship. May God abundantly bless and reward them.

JACOB W. BEER.

DAYTON, O.

Feb. 13th.—The G. B. brethren are holding a few meetings in the west end of this city in an old Mission School House.

We would have been glad to had father Metzger preach in the church here on the corner of Jackson and Vanburen Sts., but his brethren here disdain, and persistantly avoid asking us to preach in this old house. Why it is we don't know unless they are afraid we might mix up with them too much. Having been invited by postal, I attended one meeting, heard brother Metzger in his native characteristic style, and in the close extended to all the brethren and all other christian workers a cordial welcome to attend our protracted effort this week. If they come we will try and make them feel at home with us, for that is characteristic of the members of the Brethren Church in this city.

E. S. MILLER.

Victory.

On January 19th we responded to the earnest solicitation of the brethren in this part of the vineyard, being near Akron, Fulton Co, Ind., in the dominion of Bro. Noah Heeter.

We planted our weak battery in what is known in this vicinity as Burn's chapel, belonging to the Methodist Brethren. It will be remembered that just two years ago we held a glorious meeting in the same house. It afforded us great pleasure on our return to be greeted by those that united with us at that time, and still seem to be zealous in the cause of Christ. May the grace of God sustain them. This is one of Bro. Heeter's preaching points; he visits them once a month. Bro. Heeter is coming to the front as a revivalist as you all have seen in the EVANGELIST. The better part is that Bro. Heeter's success was at home where he has lived for 25 years. Bro. Heeter was with us in our meeting, excepting while he went to fill our appointments at Roann and Manchester, which he did with credit to himself and the cause. We had a fair congregation at our first service, which swelled in a few evenings beyond expectation. At the first call some were willing to step on board the old anchor line, faith, hope and charity, and some responded to almost every call until twenty-two had come out on the Lord's side. Bro. Heeter was our baptist durthis meeting, which was a little cool with the mercury at zero, but all moved off nicely in the presence of a large concourse of people, who no doubt, would have suffered from the cold had it not been for Bro. Benjamine Moore of the United Brethren fraternity, upon whose farm and within a few rods of his dwelling was the place of baptism. He threw open his large commodius rooms that were nicely warmed and invited everybody to come and be warmed, and not only that, but "be ye filled also," for some 42 persons partook of his hospitality. How differently persons are constituted.

The Brethren remember in Ohio where a certain individual would not let us (the brethren) baptize in his waters. But Bro. Moore, not only let us baptize, but warmed and fed us. "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my Brethren you have done it unto me. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." (The words of Jesus.)

We closed our meetings last night with a glorious communion service. It was soul-feasting to us, to see so many surrounding the table of the Lord, that two weeks ago were out in the dark valleys of sin. God help them and may the church help them to hold out faithful.

Today I turn my face homeward where loved ones are waiting my return, and to fill my appoints over Sunday and rest a few days, and then enter the field for a new conflict. Brethren pray for us that God may give us wisdom and knowledge to rightly divide the word of truth and that souls may be born into the kingdom of God.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

Akron, Ind., Feb. 6.

Trans Missouri Flashes.

We are at present, Feb. 1st, housed with Bro. Harader in Sumner Co., Kan.

We left home on Jan. 26th, were snow bound 11 hours and 55 minutes at Reading, Kan.

The "Fisher house," Newton, Kan., charged us 25 cts more to stay over night than we had bargained for in the evening. Avoid that place.

Large congregations have greeted us thus far at our meetings here.

A heavy snow storm is raging here today.

We expect to visit the brethren at Mulvane, this county, after we are through here.

From Mulvane we expect to go to Montana, Labette Co.

Montana is close by J. B. Lair's.

Bro. Harader also got an ugly letter from J. B. Lair. Hope he will gather up honor and manhood enough to meet us in public.

J. B. L., in order to be consistent, should enforce the Hat ordinance.

Sumner county, is hard to excell for beauty in landscape.

Bro. A. P. Gibson has been aiding in the meetings now in progress at this place. An efficient preacher as Bro. G. should not be as idle as he is.

At least one dozen amens to Bro. P. J. Brown's article in EVANGELIST No. 4.

Under all circumstances our motto should be, "In God we trust."

Hope the Pennsylvania brethren will not kill the mission cause in their state by too much planning.

Feb. 2nd. Am still at Bro. Harader's. Blizzard raging furiously today. No meetings.

Feb. 3rd. Weather more calm today. Expect to resume meetings to night.

Snow about 6 inches deep on the level. It is pretty hard though, to find the "*level*" of it.

The kindness and cheerfulness of brother Harader and wife have kept the blues pretty well at bay for us during these stormy days. W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Corbin, Kan.

Be thou the first true merit to befriend;
His praise is lost who stays till all commend.